

Owens Community College

Environmental Health & Safety Technology Advisory Meeting

Date: October 28, 2005

Location: Toledo Zoo – Toledo, Ohio

Industrial Attendees: Andrew Birr, Charles Campbell, Mary Beth Cohen, Jennifer Huber, Jeff Hutchins, Garry Kudlinski, James Less, Dennis McMickens, Gary Silverman, Dawn Spurlock

Student Attendees: Laura Gray

Owens Attendees: Mark Durivage, Jim Gilmore, Mary Kaczinski, Tim Luc, Joe Peschel

Topic	Discussion/Rationale	Recommendation/Decision/Action
Call to Order and Review of Previous Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM. ▪ Introductions were made. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minutes were distributed, read and approved by all present ▪ New format for minutes adopted by School of Technology for all meetings. ▪ Minutes will be posted on the Owens web site and not mailed.
Enrollment and Retention Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overall there was a slight decline in enrollment this semester in the school of Technology. ▪ Enrollment in the program on the Toledo Campus is down eight students from last semester. ▪ There is one student in the Water Treatment certificate – two were lost to graduation. ▪ Jim is working to get information about the program to area high school students. ▪ Jim is also working with the Safety Council who does training. ▪ Jim working with local OneStops, although interest in training after being downsized is dwindling. ▪ Articulation with BGSU is relatively seamless. Students receive a block of credit for Owens courses. ▪ State of Ohio is working on assigning numbers to all courses offered by state institutions for ease of articulation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was suggested to do small workshops or seminars in the high schools to get students involved. ▪ Also suggested to talk with the labor unions and environmental organizations to notify their memberships of training available at Owens. ▪ Andy Birr volunteered to do high school visits. He felt talking about the zoo would interest students. Dawn Spurlock volunteered to talk about waste clean-up at the zoo. ▪ Appeal to companies to be OSHA compliant by having a trained, competent person on staff to avoid citations, fines, litigations and accidents. ▪ Grant money is available through the state for training, i.e. chemical spill training.
Faculty Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mary is teaching the new course that was mentioned at the last meeting. It is a web-based course on environmental issues and is in the developmental this semester. It is going well. Students discuss the pros and cons of environmental issues on an on-line discussion board. ▪ Owens has over 5000 students taking web classes this semester. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Web-based Environmental Issues course will be run again in the spring as a full course. Course is available to students other than Environmental students with the instructor's permission.

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Student Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laura Gray is taking Environmental classes because her business is safety. She would like to see more people get involved with it. ▪ Owens is doing a wonderful job for the community. ▪ She chose Owens because it offered a wider variety of what she was looking for and it was more affordable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More web-based courses within the program would be helpful.
Outcomes Assessment Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was mentioned in brief that Outcomes Assessment is in the process of being revised this year in order to streamline the process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jim Gilmore and Mary Kaczinski are working towards streamlining the Outcomes Assessment Process in the program. ▪ Rubrics are being developed and will be shared with committee at the spring meeting.
Outcomes Competency Validation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outcomes Competencies will be modified in order to more accurately reflect the content of the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Committee will discuss and verify the competencies at the spring meeting.
Program and Curriculum Enhancements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing new to report – see Faculty Report. 	
Equipment, Facilities, and Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tim Luc, Lab Technician, reported the SCBA's are old, out-dated and some are leaking. ▪ Monitoring equipment is slowly being upgraded. ▪ Library funds were spent on videos for Environmental classes this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old, out-dated equipment is being updated ▪ Videos will be purchased for OSHA classes with the next available funds.
Accreditation Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The NAIT Board of accreditation will be voting on our accreditation status in November. 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advisory Committee by-laws were approved. ▪ Another Brownsfield class has graduated and another one is scheduled to begin. ▪ Jim discussing opportunity along the same avenue as Brownsfield with representatives from Hawaii. Individuals would be sent here for training, then down south (Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi) ▪ Everyone thanked for attending. Thanks to Andy Birr for the wonderful accommodations. ▪ Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Andrew Birr – Chairman, Jeff Hutchins - Vice Chairman., Charles Campbell - Secretary. ▪ Jim will check to see if funds are available to hold future meetings at the zoo.